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For: COSMETIC COMPOSITION FOR THE CREATION OF A COSMETIC COATING
HAVING A METALLIC, MULTICOLORED IRIDESCENT APPEARANCE; AND
ARTIFICIAL FINGERNAIL (As Amended)

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In the "Applicant(s)" section of the filing receipt, Christian Erker is incorrectly named as an inventor. The correct information for the "Applicant(s)" section of the filing receipt is as follows:

Frank Henglein, Nurnberg, GERMANY

Thomas Schuster, Lauf, GERMANY

On June 8, 2006, an Application Data Sheet containing the correct inventorship listed above was filed concurrently with this patent application (copy enclosed).

On December 8, 2006, an incorrect Declaration and Power of Attorney was filed with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office for this patent application. The Declaration and Power of Attorney filed on December 8, 2006 for this patent application was intended to be filed in U.S. Patent Application No. 10/581,382, now U.S. Patent No. 7,549,701. Upon becoming aware of this situation, on March 15, 2007, applicants' counsel filed a "Submission of Substitute Declaration" containing the Declaration and Power of Attorney (copy enclosed) with the correct

inventorship for this patent application. The Submission explains that the Declaration filed on December 8, 2006 was an error and that it concerned another U.S. patent application.

Last, the title of the invention was amended in a Preliminary Amendment filed concurrently with this patent application via Express mail on June 8, 2006 (copy enclosed). The amended title, as it appears in the Preliminary Amendment, is as follows:

COSMETIC COMPOSITION FOR THE CREATION OF A COSMETIC COATING HAVING A METALLIC, MULTICOLORED IRIDESCENT APPEARANCE; AND ARTIFICIAL FINGERNAIL

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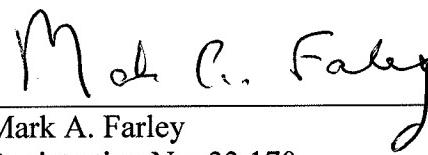
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This application is a 371 of PCT/DE04/02703 12/09/2004

Foreign Applications

GERMANY 103 58 091.3 12/10/2003

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The country code and number of your priority application, to be used for filing abroad under the Paris Convention, is **US10/582,066**

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Title

~~Cosmetic Preparations for the Generation of a Cosmetic Covering with a Metallic and Multi-Coloured Shimmering Appearance and Artificial Fingernail~~

COSMETIC COMPOSITION FOR THE CREATION OF A COSMETIC COATING HAVING A METALLIC, MULTICOLORED IRIDESCENT APPEARANCE; AND ARTIFICIAL FINGERNAIL

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COSMETIC PREPARATIONS FOR THE GENERATION OF A COSMETIC COVERING WITH A METALLIC AND MULTI-COLOURED SHIMMERING APPEARANCE AND ARTIFICAL FINGERNAIL

the specification of which is attached hereto, unless the following box is checked:

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Germany	103 58 091.3	10 December 2003	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
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For: **COSMETIC COMPOSITION FOR THE CREATION OF A COSMETIC COATING HAVING A METALLIC, MULTICOLORED IRIDESCENT APPEARANCE; AND ARTIFICIAL FINGERNAIL (As Amended)**

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SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS

1. If checked, an abstract (an amended abstract) is submitted herewith.
2. If checked, amendment(s) to the drawings are submitted herewith.
3. X If checked, amendment(s) to the specification are submitted herewith.
4. X If checked, amendment(s) to the claims are submitted herewith.

AMENDMENT(S) TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please delete the title of the invention and replace it with the following:

**COSMETIC COMPOSITION FOR THE CREATION OF A COSMETIC
COATING HAVING A METALLIC, MULTICOLORED IRIDESCENT APPEARANCE;
AND ARTIFICIAL FINGERNAIL**

Please insert a paragraph beginning at page 1, after the title of the invention:

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

The present application is a 35 U.S.C. §371 National Phase conversion of PCT/DE2004/002703 filed December 9, 2004, which claims priority of German Application No. 103 58 091.3 filed December 10, 2003. The PCT application was published in the German language.

On page 1, after the Cross Reference To Related Applications, please insert:

Field of the Invention

On page 1, at line 7, before the paragraph beginning with, "A nail varnish that lends a metallic appearance to a fingernail...", please insert:

Background of the Invention

On page 3, at line 28, before the paragraph beginning with, "It is an object of the present invention to prepare a cosmetic composition...", please insert:

Summary of the Invention

On page 4, after line 18, please insert:

Brief Description of the Figures

Fig. 1 is a scanning electron microscope (SEM) image of an embossed PVD aluminum pigment; and

Fig. 2 is a schematic illustration of what is meant by a "peak to valley" and a "peak to peak" alignment, respectively.

On page 4, after the Brief Description of the Figures, please insert:

Detailed Description of Certain Embodiments of the Invention

On page 16, line 5, after the heading 'Examples', please insert:

The following Examples are provided only for purposes of illustration and are not to be construed as limiting the invention in any manner.

On page 24, please delete "Claims" and insert:

What is claimed is:

On page 29, please insert the following title at the top of the page:

**COSMETIC COMPOSITION FOR THE CREATION OF A COSMETIC COATING
HAVING A METALLIC, MULTICOLORED IRIDESCENT APPEARANCE; AND
ARTIFICIAL FINGERNAIL**

On page 29, please delete the heading 'Summary' and replace it with the following:

Abstract of the Disclosure

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

- 1) (Original) A cosmetic composition for creating a cosmetic coating having a metallic and multicolored iridescent appearance, comprising a liquid phase and a PVD aluminum pigment, wherein said PVD aluminum pigment has diffractive structures containing from approximately 5,000 to approximately 20,000 structural elements per cm and a metallic aluminum content of from 90 to 100 % by weight, based on the weight of the aluminum pigment, and is present in the cosmetic composition at a pigmentation level of from 0.05 to 5.0 % by weight, based on the total weight the cosmetic composition.
- 2) (Original) The cosmetic composition as defined in claim 1,
characterized in that
said aluminum pigment has from approximately 7,000 to approximately 15,000 structural elements per cm.
- 3) (Currently Amended) The cosmetic composition as defined in claim 1-~~or claim 2~~,
characterized in that
said cosmetic composition additionally contains at least one film-forming component and is a nail varnish.
- 4) (Currently Amended) The cosmetic composition as defined in claim 1-~~or claim 2~~,
characterized in that
said cosmetic composition additionally contains one or more waxes and is a lip gloss composition.
- 5) (Currently Amended) The cosmetic composition as defined in claim 3,
characterized in that
said film-forming component comprises cellulose nitrate having a molecular weight of more than 56,000 g/mol and preferably more than 112,000 g/mol.

- 6) (Currently Amended) The cosmetic composition as defined in claim 3 or claim 5,
characterized in that
said film-forming component comprises cellulose nitrate.
- 7) (Currently Amended) The cosmetic composition as defined in claim 3 any one of
~~claims 3, 5 and 6,~~
characterized in that
said film-forming component comprises cellulose acetate butyrate having a molecular weight of preferably more than 83,000 g/mol.
- 8) (Currently Amended) The cosmetic composition as defined in claim 3 any one of
~~claims 3, 5, 6, and 7,~~
characterized in that
said liquid phase is an organic solvent preferably selected from the group consisting of toluene, n-propyl acetate, isopropyl acetate, isopropyl alcohol, ethyl acetate, ethanol, glycol ether, n-butyl acetate, methyl propyl acetate, and mixtures thereof.
- 9) (Currently Amended) The cosmetic composition as defined in claim 3 any one of
~~claims 3, 5, 6, 7, and 8,~~
characterized in that
said cosmetic composition additionally contains at least one of a plasticizer and and/or a dispersing agent.
- 10) (Currently Amended) The cosmetic composition as defined in claim 3 any one of
~~claims 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9,~~
characterized in that
said cosmetic composition contains, as plasticizer, at least dibutyl phthalate, optionally together with saccharose acetate isobutyrate.

- 11) (Currently Amended) The cosmetic composition as defined in claim 9 or claim 10, characterized in that said cosmetic composition contains, as dispersing agent, at least one of bentonites and and/or polymeric urea .
- 12) (Currently Amended) The cosmetic composition as defined in claim 3 any one of claims 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11, characterized in that the aluminum pigment is present at a pigmentation level of from 0.1 % to 2.0 % by weight.
- 13) (Currently Amended) The cosmetic composition as defined in claim 3 any one of claims 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12, characterized in that said cosmetic composition additionally contains at least one coloring agent.
- 14) (Currently Amended) The cosmetic composition as defined in claim 13, characterized in that said coloring agent is at least one of a colored pigment and/or and a dye.
- 15) (Currently Amended) The cosmetic composition as defined in claim 3 any one of claims 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, and 14, characterized in that said diffractive structures are a reflection grating.
- 16) (Currently Amended) The composition as defined in claim 3 any one of claims 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15, characterized in that said PVD aluminum pigment has a layer thickness of from approximately 20 nm to approximately 140 nm and preferably from approximately 20 nm to approximately 100 nm.

- 17) (Currently Amended) The cosmetic composition as defined in claim 4,
characterized in that
said liquid phase additionally contains at least one of an oil and/or and a gel.
- 18) (Currently Amended) The cosmetic composition as defined in claim 4 or claim 17,
characterized in that
said cosmetic composition contains additives such as selected from the group consisting
of antioxidants, coloring agents, emulsifiers, vitamins, perfumes, and/or fillers and combinations
thereof.
- 19) (Currently Amended) The cosmetic composition as defined in claim 17 or claim 18,
characterized in that
said oil is selected from the group consisting of castor oil, canola oil, lanoline oil, silicone
oils, polybutylene, mineral oils, oleyl alcohol, isocetyl alcohol and esters including such as
isopropyl myristate [[or]] and decyl oleate, and mixtures thereof.
- 20) (Currently Amended) The cosmetic composition as defined in claim 4 any one of
claims 4, 17, 18, and 19,
characterized in that
said wax is selected from the group consisting of carnauba wax, candelilla wax, ozocerite,
ceresine wax, microcrystalline wax, synthetic waxes such as including the glycerin esters of C18
to C36 fatty acids, cetyl alcohol, stearyl alcohol, lanoline, beeswax, and mixtures thereof.
- 21) (Currently Amended) The cosmetic composition as defined in claim 4 any one of
claims 4, 17, 18, 19, and 20,
characterized in that
said cosmetic composition additionally contains at least one coloring agent.
- 22) (Currently Amended) The cosmetic composition as defined in claim 21,
characterized in that
said coloring agent is at least one of a colored pigment and/or and a dye.

- 23) (Currently Amended) The cosmetic composition as defined in claim 4 ~~any one of claims 4, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, and 22,~~
characterized in that
said cosmetic composition further contains one or more additives selected from the group consisting of such as perfume, antioxidants, light-stabilizing agents, or preservatives.
- 24) (Currently Amended) The cosmetic composition as defined in claim 4 ~~any one of claims 4, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, and 23,~~
characterized in that
said aluminum pigment is present at a pigmentation level of from 0.2 to 2.0 % by weight, based on the total weight of the cosmetic composition .
- 25) (Currently Amended) The cosmetic composition as defined in claim 4 ~~any one of claims 4, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, and 24,~~
characterized in that
said diffractive structures are a reflection grating.
- 26) (Currently Amended) The cosmetic composition as defined in claim 4 ~~any one of claims 4, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, and 25,~~
characterized in that
said PVD aluminum pigment has a layer thickness of from approximately 20 nm to approximately 140 nm ~~and preferably from approximately 20 nm to approximately 100 nm.~~
- 27) (Currently Amended) An artificial fingernail,
characterized in that
said artificial fingernail is coated with a cosmetic composition as defined in claim 3 ~~any one of claims 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15.~~

Please add the following new claim:

28) (New) The cosmetic composition as defined in claim 8, wherein said organic solvent is selected from the group consisting of toluene, n-propyl acetate, isopropyl acetate, isopropyl alcohol, ethyl acetate, ethanol, glycol ether, n-butyl acetate, methyl proposol acetate, and mixtures thereof.

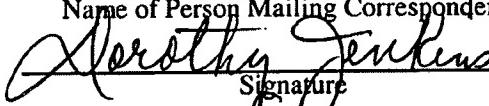
REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-27 are pending in the application. The claims have been amended to remove multiple dependencies and to place them in more appropriate form for U.S. practice. In addition, new claim 28 has been added. Both the claim amendments and the new claim are completely supported by the application as filed. Thus, there is no issue of new matter.

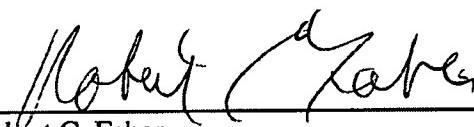
The specification has been amended to add Section Headings and a cross-reference to related applications. No new matter has been added.

Entry of this Amendment into the file of the application is respectfully requested. Upon such entry, claims 1-28 as amended, will remain pending in the application.

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